

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JON N. LEONARD

SERIAL NO.: 09/390,363

FILED: September 7, 1999

FOR: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING THE  
ORIGINATOR OF AN ELECTRONIC MAIL  
MESSAGE TO PRESET AN EXPIRATION TIME,  
DATE, AND/OR EVENT, AND TO CONTROL  
PROCESSING OR HANDLING BY A RECIPIENT

GROUP ART UNIT: 2131

EXAMINER: C. CHUNG

ATTY. REFERENCE: LEON3001/BEU

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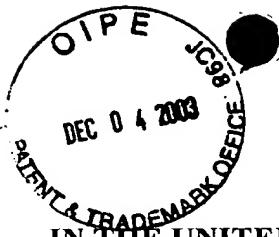
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This paper is in response to the Official Action dated September 5, 2003.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the following amendments and remarks.